

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 2 July 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in Siambr Hywel, Tŷ Hywel and others joining by video-conference.

Presiding Officer Statement

At 13.30, the Llywydd made a statement to note the opening match for Wales at UEFA Women's EURO 2025 on Saturday 5 July.

At 13.40, the Llywydd made a statement to note the presence in the public gallery of the President of the New South Wales Legislative Council.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

The item started at 14.23

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At 15.11, Jenny Rathbone MS and Heledd Fychan MS raised points of order relating to remarks made by Darren Millar MS in his supplementary question to the Cabinet Secretary. The Deputy Presiding Officer invited the Member to clarify his remarks.

3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.17

The 2 questions were asked.

4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were submitted.

5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.23

Heledd Fychan made a statement on – The local Pontypridd Eisteddfod (28 to 29 June).

6 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report: Holyhead Port storm damage and closure – Initial findings

The item started at 15.25

NDM8946 [Andrew R.T. Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on the Holyhead Port storm damage and closure, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 3 April 2025, and on which the Welsh Government [laid](#) its response on 25 June 2025.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – a Bill for Owain's Law

The item started at 16.04

NDM8940 [Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on Owain's Law, named after Owain James of Caerphilly, who passed away from a brain tumour in 2024.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to ensure that:
 - a) consent for the handling and storage of tumour tissue must be obtained from the patient, or next of kin where appropriate, prior to surgery;
 - i) the consent process shall include a clear written explanation of how excised tissue will be stored following surgery, and pathological and histological examination; and
 - ii) the consent will outline that all remaining tissue will be owned by the patient and only consent from the patient, or next of kin where appropriate, can determine its use;
 - b) the minimal amount of excised tumour tissue will be used for pathological and histological analysis, ensuring diagnostic accuracy;
 - c) the remaining excised tumour tissue must be flash or fresh frozen, at –80 degrees centigrade, without any chemicals or preservatives (including saline or paraffin). Tissue should be stored in multiple aliquots, where possible, to maximise the future use of tissue for various purposes; and
 - d) where emergency situations arise and consent is not possible prior to surgery, the same protocol for tissue storage must be followed and consent must be completed within 48 hours.

Supporters

[Altaf Hussain \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Janet Finch Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

[Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Natasha Asghar \(South Wales East\)](#)

[Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#)

[Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – health emergency

The item started at 16.25

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8944 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to declare a health emergency.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	26	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd

1. Recognises the NHS in Wales faces increased demand from demographic changes and the consequences from rising obesity and long-term, chronic health problems but this does not mean this is a health emergency.

2. Notes the action the Welsh Government is taking to address these issues and improve people's health and access to healthcare including:

a) £120m to cut waiting times and the overall size of the waiting list;

b) changes to the GP contract to provide continuity of care for people with long-term conditions; and

c) Wales becoming a Marmot Nation to tackle health inequalities.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	24	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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a) £120m to cut waiting times and the overall size of the waiting list;

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The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 17.25

Votes Summary

10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.28

NDM8945 [Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

From service to suffering: RAF veterans and their hidden battle with cancer

The meeting concluded at 17.41

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 8 July 2025